

In The Specification

Please amend paragraph [12] of the specification as follows, with deletions indicated by strikethrough text.

[12] Allen and Mortensen (Biotechnol. Bioeng., 2641-45,1981) have shown that 200 IU/ml of ~~purified~~ β -glucosidase from *Aspergillus phoenicis* when incubated with a 50% glucose syrup produces a solution with the ability to induce cellulase production when used as a carbon source. ~~Purification of the β -glucosidase is both time-consuming and expensive. In addition,~~ ~~these~~ These authors used more than 20X the β -glucosidase loading compared to that used in this current work.